

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A template for a scanner system, the template comprising:

a template body, and

an element for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner
5 system.

2. The template according to claim 1, wherein the template further
comprises an insert area for receiving a transparent media therein.

10 3. The template according to claim 1, wherein the element is a pattern
printed on the template body.

4. The template according to claim 1, wherein the element is a tab
connected to an edge of the template body.

15 5. The template according to claim 1, wherein the element is an aperture
on the template body.

6. The template according to claim 1, wherein the optical pattern is
20 comparable to one or more reference patterns stored in a computer

7. The template according to claim 6, wherein the computer directs the
scanner system to execute a scan routine upon determining a match between the
optical pattern and one of the reference patterns.

8. A method of scanning an image on a transparent media in a scanner system, the method comprising:

executing a reflective scan over a predefined distance of carriage translation;

comparing imaged data, obtained by the reflective scan through the predefined distance, with one or more reference patterns; and

determining a subsequent scan procedure that is dependent upon results from the step of comparing.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein determining the subsequent scan procedure further comprises:

aborting the reflective scan routine; and

executing a transparent media scan routine.

10. The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

deactivating a lamp disposed in a reflective scanner of the scanner system; and

activating a lamp disposed in a transparent media adapter of the scanner system.

11. The method according to claim 8, wherein determining the subsequent scan procedure further comprises continuing the reflective scan routine.

12. The method according to claim 8, wherein the predefined distance is substantially equal to zero.

13. A scanner system for optically scanning a media, the scanner system comprising:

a reflective scanner comprising a platen, a lamp, an optic system and one or more photosensitive devices;

5 a transparent media adapter comprising a housing and operable to backlight a transparent media; and

a template comprising an element for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system.

10 14. The scanner system according to claim 13, wherein the scanner system is coupled to a computer, the computer storing one or more reference patterns each associated with a scan routine, the scanner system performing a reflective scan over a predefined distance of carriage translation and transmitting imaged data obtained by the reflective scan to the computer, the computer operable to compare the imaged data with the reference patterns.

15 15. The scanner system according to claim 14, wherein the computer detects a match between the imaged data and one of the reference patterns, the computer directing the scanner system to abort the reflective scan and execute a transparent media scan.

20 16. The scanner system according to claim 14, wherein the computer fails to detect a match between the imaged data and one of the reference patterns, the computer directing the scanner system to resume the reflective scan.

25 17. The scanner system according to claim 13, wherein the element is a optical pattern printed on the template body.

30 18. The scanner system according to claim 13, wherein the element is an aperture.

19. The scanner system according to claim 13, wherein the element is a tab connected to an edge of the template body.